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Application of : Jung, Birgit et al ) Art Unit: 1652  
Serial No. : 10/029,905 ) Examiner: Steadman, David J.  
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For : Method for identifying compounds which positively influence  
inflammatory conditions  
Docket No. : 1/1177

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**WITH PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Reply is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003. Submitted herewith is: (1) a Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months up to and including February 4, 2004, together with the necessary fee; (2) a copy of the stamped reply postcard mailed April 18, 2003; and (3) a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement (substitute for form 1449/PTO) mailed April 18, 2003. In addition, applicants also request that any subsequently filed reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission be treated as if it incorporated such petition for an extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) and hereby authorize that any fees due in connection therewith be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

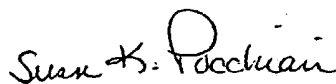
Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute in one or more divisional applications whatever subject matter is not examined or allowed here.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the application is now in form for issuance and an early allowance is earnestly requested. If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

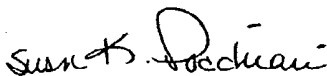


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